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OF CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS BANK REPS TO GABORONE

REF: GABORONE 1568 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING AUGUST 23 APPOINTMENT, MINING MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY, B. GAOLATHE, GAVE CONTINENTAL BANK REPS ESSENTIALLY SAME VIEW ON IECO FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH EMBOFF RECEIVED FROM WATER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REP WILSON AUGUST 3, I.E. THAT MUCH OF STUDY HAD BEEN ALREADY PERFORMED (SEE GABORONE 1480). ACCORDING TO GAOLATHE UNDP WATER RESOURCE STUDY FOR BOTSWANA WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER AND WILL HELP DETERMINE TYPE OF FUTURE WATER PROJECTS HERE. HE THOUGHT THAT IECO MIGHT POSSIBLY TURN ITS ATTENTION TO THE ENGINEERING AND HARDWARE PHASES OF WATER DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE.

2. FYI: APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT DID NOT COME THROUGH. BUT NEITHER EMBASSY NOR BANKERS BELIEVE THAT HIS VIEW WOULD HAVE DIFFERED FROM THAT OF GAOLATHE OR WILSON.
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